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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7062 DATE PREPARED: Jan 5, 2002

BILL NUMBER: SB 451 BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: State Police Disability Program.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL IMPACT: State

X DEDICATED FEDERAL

<u>Summary of Legislation:</u> This bill: (1) establishes a line-of-duty and a not-in-the-line-of-duty disability pension for regular police employees of the State Police Department (ISP); (2) provides for a waiver of tuition and mandatory fees at any state-supported college, university, or technical school for the child or spouse of a regular, paid ISP police employee who has been permanently and totally disabled by a catastrophic personal injury that was sustained in the line of duty and that permanently prevents the employee from performing any gainful work.

Effective Date: July 1, 2002.

<u>Explanation of State Expenditures:</u> Disability Pension for the State Police Department: <u>NOTE: This part of the fiscal note will be updated upon receipt of the necessary data from the actuaries for the ISP.</u>

Waiver of Tuition and Mandatory Fees: This bill would increase the level of statutory fee remissions for state-supported colleges, universities, and technical schools. The institution's general fund absorbs the costs of fee remissions. The institutions must provide statutory remissions first; the remainder of the money is discretionary. As statutory requirements increase, the level of discretionary dollars decreases.

The number of individuals for whom the expanded benefits of this provision could affect is indeterminable.

Background Information: In FY 2000, the average award for individuals who received fee remissions from state-supported institutions under the current Children of Disabled Veterans statute amounted to \$1,183.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: State Police; State-supported Colleges, Universities, and Technical Schools.

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Local Agencies Affected:

<u>Information Sources:</u> Doug Todd of McCready & Keane, Inc., actuaries for the State Police, 576-1508; Indiana Higher Education Commission.

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